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SUBJECT: AVAILABILITY OF DIESEL FUEL FOR IMPORT INTO THAILAND

1. TOP THAI OFFICIALS HAVE REPEATEDLY ASKED FOR ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING DIESEL TO MEET CRITICAL CURRENT NEEDS. RTG HAS FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE BUT WOULD OF COURSE LIKE LOWEST POSSIBLE PRICE. AMOUNT MENTIONED RELATIVELY SMALL AND PRC HAS RECEIVED CONSIDERABLE FAVORABLE PUBLICITY WITH CONCESSIONAL SALE OF ONLY 50,000 METRIC TONS. LIKE OR GREATER AMOUNT FROM OTHER SOURCES WOULD BE WELCOMED. CURRENT SHORTFALL ESTIMATED AT 150,000 TO 300,000 METRIC TONS.

2. OCCURS TO US THAT ROKG MIGHT BE VERY INTERESTED IN OFFERING SUPPLY RTG WITH SUCH FUEL, IN CONTEXT FIRING UP RTG POSITION IN SUPPORT ROK DIPLOMATIC POSTURE BOTH ON BILATERAL LEVEL AND IN UN.

3. YOUR VIEWS WOULD BE APPRECIATED ON:

A) WHETHER DIESEL IMPORT COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE

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FROM ROK "DOMESTIC" SUPPLY?

B) WHETHER ROKG WOULD BE INTERESTED IN EXPLOITING
CONCEPT IN PARA 2 ABOVE?

4. IN VIEW URGENCY CREATED BY DIESEL SHORTAGE AND
LOCAL POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS, WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR
COMMENTS ASAP.
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